Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, With more than 22 million Americans living with a diabetes diagnosis, and many more going undiagnosed, diabetes affects people across the country and remains a pressing health concern; and,

Whereas, More than 62,000 South Dakotans over the age of 17 have been diagnosed with diabetes and an additional 28 percent have undiagnosed diabetes; and,

Whereas, Diabetes can lead to serious complications, including heart disease, stroke, kidney failure, and blindness; and,

Whereas, Diabetes is the seventh leading cause of death in South Dakota, accounting for more than 1,200 deaths from 2011-2015; and,

Whereas, During National Diabetes Month, we renew our dedication to combating this chronic, life-threatening illness by standing with those living with diabetes, honoring the professionals and advocates engaged in fighting diabetes, and working to raise awareness about prevention and treatment; and,

Whereas, It is important for all South Dakotans to be aware of diabetes and their risks for the disease:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 2016 as

DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota, and I encourage all South Dakotans to talk to their health care provider about steps they can take to prevent or manage this disease.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Nineteenth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State